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# Department of State Memorandum Office of the General Counsel

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Marc W. Dunbar, Assistant General Counsel

DATE

March 8, 1996

RE

Comfortex Corporation

Based on a review of the file and the payment provided by this corporation, it is my recommendation that this file be closed and this corporation be qualified to do business. This corporation has paid all outstanding penalties (assessed at the statutory minimum amount of \$500 per year) and all outstanding fees and now wishes to be qualified to do business in this state.

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> Rc: Comfortex Corporation/Request for Penalty Reduction

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

This will confirm our conversation of today's date in which you agreed that in light of mitigating circumstances surrounding the failure of Comfortex Corporation to register to do business in the State of Florida, the Department of State would agree to reduce the penalty for late filing to the statutory minimum of \$500 per year. Accordingly, the total penalty due from Comfortex for two years is \$1,000. As we discussed, I will request my client to process this payment as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours.

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Marc W. Dunbar, Esq. Assistant General Counsel Department of State LL-10, The Capitol Tallahassee FL 32399-0250

Re: Comfortex Corporation/Request for Penalty Reduction

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This is in reply to your letter of February 8, 1996 relative to the above in which you state that Section 607.1502 (a copy of which you enclosed). Florida Statutes does not permit your office to waive penalties imposed as a result of conducting unauthorized business activities in the State of Florida. Based upon this provision, you indicate that Comfortex Corporation owes a penalty of \$2,000, which appears to be the maximum penalty under the statute.

I wish to respectfully call your attention to the fact that the statute provides for a penalty of "not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000" for violations. Based upon the following facts, I submit that imposition of a minimum fine in this case would be appropriate.

Comfortex's failure to obtain a Certificate of Authority from your office was totally inadvertent; the Company complied with all other necessary requirements to transact business in the State. The Company did not receive notice of its failure to obtain a Certificate of Authority until September, 1995 — more than two years after it commenced its Florida operations and approximately a year and a half after filing its first Florida tax return. The

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Company has always been ready and willing to meet all State law requirements for doing business in Florida.

Under the circumstances, specifically the Company's good faith effort to comply with applicable law and the inequity of in effect making them pay additional penalties for the time it took for the State to inform them of non-compliance, it seems that this is certainly an appropriate case for imposition of the minimum penalty. Accordingly, on behalf of the Company, I would request that the penalty be reduced to \$1,000 which amount would be remitted promptly upon your acceptance of this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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### FLORIDA DI-PARTMENT OF STATE Soudra B. Mortham borndary of State

8 February, 1996

Ralph W. Bandel, Esquire O'Connell and Aronowitz 100 State Street Albany, New York 12207-1885

Re: Request for Penalty Walver

Dear Mr. Bandel:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that the Department of State cannot waive the penalties imposed as a result of the unauthorized business activities in the State of Florida by Comfortex Corporation.

As of the date above, the total amount of penalties owed by this corporation is \$2,000.00. These penalties are pursuant to section 607.1502, Florida Statutes, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference. If litigation is necessary to collect these penalties, the corporation may also be liable for additional fees and costs associated with filing suit.

If you wish to resolve this matter, please direct your payment to my attention at the address below. If I have not received payment within thirty days, I will assume that you are not willing to resolve this matter without litigation and will proceed coordingly. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, you may contact me at 904/414-5536.

Respectfully,

Marc W. Dunbar

Assistant General Counsel

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Doug Dickenson, Document Specialist Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee Fl. 32314

Re:

Computer Corporation

Your Reference No. W96000000759

Dear Mr. Dickenson:

In response to our recent telephone conversation addressing my letter to you dated January 19, 1996, requesting that any penalty fees due for failure of Comfortex Corporation to apply for authorization to transact business in Florida be waived or reduced, I am enclosing our firm's check in the amount of \$400 as payment for the annual report fees due for 1993 and 1994 and copies of the company's 1120 forms (without attachments) for the past five years (although I do not understand the relevance of the Company's tax returns to the issue of waiving the penalty). For the reasons given in my prior letter, I wish to reiterate that the facts in this case do not warrant imposition of the maximum penalty authorized by statute. Thank you for your consideration.

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Very truly yours,
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Comfortex Corporation

Your Reference No. W96000000759

Dear Mr. Dickenson:

This is in response to your letter of January 10, 1996, relative to the application of Comfortex Corporation for authorization to transact business in Florida. Comfortex has been conducting business in Florida since April, 1993. Prior to the commencement of its Florida operations, the company applied to the County for a Certificate of Doing Business and also registered with the Department of Revenue for tax purposes and the Department of Labor for unemployment insurance. It was the company's understanding that these actions constituted all that was necessary to enable it to properly transact its business in Florida.

The company was not aware of the requirement of Section 607.1501 of the Florida statutes relative to obtaining a Certificate of Authority from the Department of State and believed that its registrations with the County, Revenue and Labor Departments were all that was required. Moreover, since the company commenced its Florida operations, it has filed all required corporate tax returns and complied with all other Florida statutes. The company's first tax return was filed in March of 1994. Notwithstanding that the State has been aware that Comfortex has been conducting business in Florida at least since the company commenced filing corporate tax returns, if not earlier, the company did not receive notice until September of 1995

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of its failure to comply with Section 607.1501. Had the company been notified of this requirement promotly after its first tax return was filed, the company could have avoided a substantial amount of the penalty now sought to be imposed.

Under the circumstances and in light of the company's payment of all corporate taxes and compliance with other Florida law since it has been transacting business in the State of Florida, it is respectfully requested that the penalty fees due your office, which we note appear to be the maximum authorized by the statute, be waived or reduced to the minimum amount in this instance. We appreciate your considers on of what believe to be a reasonable request.

Very truly yours,

O'CONNELL and ARONOWITZ

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January 10, 1996

RALPH W. BANDEL, ESQ. O'CONNELL AND ARONOWITZ 100 STATE ST ALBANY, NY 12207

SUBJECT: COMFORTEX CORPORATION

Ref. Number: W96000000759

We have received your document for COMFORTEX CORPORATION and your check(s) totaling \$70,00. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

Pursuant to section 607.1502(4), 617.1502(4) or 608.502(4), Florida Statutes, this office collects a civil ponalty of \$1000 for each year this entity transacted business or conducted its affairs in Florida prior to qualification and the appropriate annual report fees that would have been due this office had the entity qualified the year it began operations in this state. The amount due this office to cover both annual report and penalty fees is \$2400.00.

Enclosed please find a copy of section 607.1501 or 617.1501, Florida Statutes, which fists those activities that do not constitute transacting business or conducting affairs in this state. If after reviewing this section you determine erroneous information was inserted on the application, a swom affidavit containing the following information must be submitted: 1.) a statement indicating erroneous information was listed on the application; and 2.) the correct date the corporation began transacting business or conducting its affairs in Florida prior to the year the application was submitted did not constitute transacting business or conducting affairs pursuant to section 607.1501 or 617.1501, Florida Statutes.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6094.

Doug Dickinson Document Specialist

Letter Number: 296A00001236

### APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN FLORIDA

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607, 1808, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE POLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO RESULTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

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	Attached is a certificate of existence duly authentic delivery of this application to the Department of Statistical having custody of corporate records in the procorporated	the last the Correspondence of Chairman and Land	

## State of New York Department of State

I hereby certify, that the certificate of incorporation of conforter components on a filled on 03/11/1985, with perpetual duration, and that I have made a diligent examination of the index of cosposation papers filled in this Department for a certificate, order, or record of a dissolution, and upon such examination, I find no such certificate, order or record, and that so far as indicated by the records of this Department, such corporation is a subsisting corporation:

The Blatement of Addresses and Directors is past due,

Witness my hand and the official scal of the Department of State at the City of Albany, this 21st day of December one thousand nine hundred and

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Secretary of State

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